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SUBJECT: **TRENDS IN REDUCTIONS OF FEDERAL HIV/AIDS FUNDING TO LOS ANGELES**

On December 5, 2006, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Molina concerning loss of ACTG funding at USC and the effect on services offered at the Rand Schrader Clinic (5P21). Section 5 of that motion instructed the Director of Public Health's Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) and the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV to examine the disturbing trend in reduction of Federal HIV/AIDS funding to Los Angeles and report back on program impacts and recommendations within 45 days. This is a status report on this review.

OAPP and the Commission have been working together to research the information that will be needed for a thorough report and sound recommendations on the topic, and have found that much of the necessary federal information is not readily available and will require extensive follow-up. Similarly, a comprehensive report will necessitate interviews, figures and data from individual providers throughout the County. Further time is needed to ensure adequate time for the proper follow-up, research and analysis. We plan to provide a final report by February 20, 2007.

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